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Division of Waste Management Announces Grant Recipients *Program provides rubber mulch for playgrounds, tracks, athletic fields*

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 28, 2014) – The Energy and Environment Cabinet (EEC) today announced that \$404,599 in grant funding has been awarded for one landscaping project and 39 playground projects.

Crumb rubber, made from recycled scrap tires, is used for mulch on playgrounds to enhance durability and safety; for fitness/walking tracks; for landscaping, and on athletic fields to reduce soil degradation and increase safety benefits.

EEC Secretary Len Peters said the crumb rubber grants program encourages environmental stewardship. "The Energy and Environment Cabinet is pleased to support these projects that will use recycled Kentucky waste tires in an environmentally beneficial way and will enhance playground safety for our children across the Commonwealth."

The grants are from the Waste Tire Trust Fund, established by the 1998 Kentucky General Assembly to receive a \$1 fee from each retail sale of a new tire in the state. The fund manages approximately 4 million scrap tires generated in Kentucky each year and helps develop markets for recycled tire products. Recipients, along with grant amounts, are as follows:

Applicant	Project Location	Grant Amount
Barren	Learning Tree Day Care (City of Cave City)	\$ 2,562
Boone	CrossRoads Preschool (Hebron Baptist Church)	\$19,730
Carroll	Point Park (City of Carrollton)	\$ 5,350
Clay	Paces Creed Elementary (Clay County Schools)	\$ 4,265
Grant	Mason Corinth Elementary School (Grant County Schools)	\$28,913
Grayson	B. G. Dewitt Park (City of Leitchfield)	\$13,833
Hart	Memorial Elementary School (Hart County Schools)	\$ 4,145
Henderson	Baskett Community Park (Henderson County Fiscal Court)	\$14,950
Jefferson	Skyview Park (City of Jeffersonton)	\$ 9,425
Johnson	Tender Heart Child Care, LLC	\$ 4,254
Kenton	Head Start-Early Childhood Center (Northern KY CAA)	\$ 5,130
Knox	Dewitt Elementary School (Knox County Schools)	\$19,832
Leslie	Mountain View & Stinnett Elementary Schools	\$23,300

Letcher	Letcher County Fiscal Court (10 playgrounds)	\$28,500
Lincoln	Veterans Memorial Park	\$16,962
Livingston	North & South Livingston Elementary Schools	\$66,540
Logan	Russellville/Logan County Memorial Park (City of Russellville)	\$15,306
Marshall	Mike Miller County Park & Day Parks (Marshall County Fiscal Court)	\$43,250
Metcalfe	Sulphur Well Community Center Park (Metcalfe County Fiscal Court)	\$ 4,703
Nelson	Jones Avenue Park & West Broadway Park (Bardstown/Nelson County Parks & Recreation Department)	\$24,131
Oldham	River Valley Christian Church	\$ 5,789
Pike	Pikeville Pond Project (City of Pikeville Parks and Recreation)	\$ 1,944
Todd	Kirkmansville United Methodist Church	\$ 5,750
Washington	Fredericktown Community Park (Washington County Fiscal Court)	\$ 5,515
Webster	Dixon Elementary School (Webster County Fiscal Court)	\$30,520

TOTAL

\$404,599

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